

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated May 8, 2006. Claims 109 to 112 are pending in the application, with Claims 20 to 23 having been cancelled. Claims 109 and 111 are in independent form. Reconsideration and further examination are respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that Claims 109 to 112 have been allowed.

The Office Action entered rejections of Claims 20 and 22 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for alleged indefiniteness. The Office Action also entered rejections of Claims 20 to 23 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, for allegedly omitting essential steps.

Claims 20 to 23 have been cancelled, and the remaining claims are seen to be in condition for allowance for the reasons noted above. The foregoing actions have been taken without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter, and without conceding correctness of the rejections, but rather strictly to obtain an earlier allowance.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Costa Mesa, California office at (714) 540-8700. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below-listed address.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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